



ADOPTED

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I'm adopted!

You're what?

That's awful.

No, Sharon. You don't understand.

You see, I was growing inside my mommy.



Then some people told her I was just a blob of stuff, and they would help her get rid of me.

But one day, some caring people showed her I was a real person, after all.



And she had to make a *big* decision...

Like...What?
Tell me!

She decided to keep me, after all!
But she wanted to give me a chance.



So she made another big decision...

She decided to give me to a family that would love me.



Oh, awesome! I was worried.

Then that's how you were adopted!



Exactly!


Does that make you feel bad, that she just gave you away?



Not at all!

But why? Didn't your mommy love you?





That's the thing! She loved me very much! But she knew she couldn't take care of me.


That's why she let me be adopted. But *that's not all.*



God is perfect. God is holy. God always does the right thing. But men, women, boys and girls do not always do the right thing.

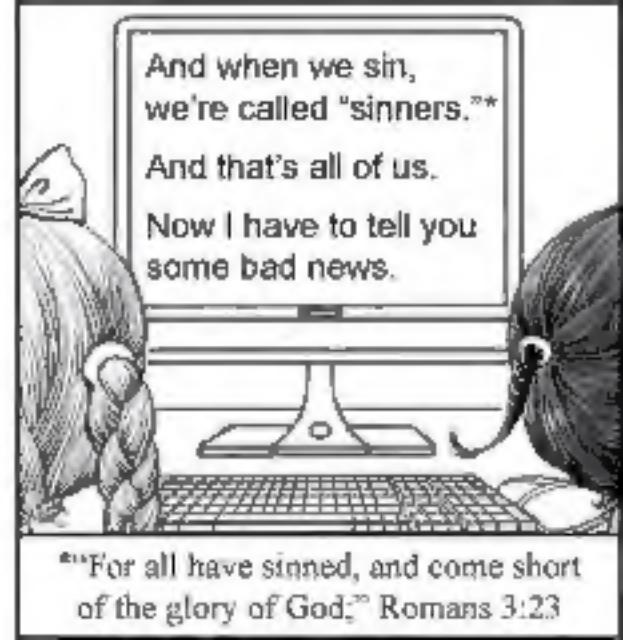


In fact, sometimes we're downright nasty.

A young girl with braids is leaning over a boy who is sitting at a computer. She is pointing at the screen. A speech bubble from her says, "We make God very sad when we do bad things." The boy has a speech bubble that says, "That's called 'sin,' you know."

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when we do bad things.

That's called
"sin," you know.

A computer monitor is shown with text on the screen. In the foreground, the back of a person's head with braids is visible, looking at the screen. The text on the screen reads: "And when we sin, we're called 'sinners.'** And that's all of us. Now I have to tell you some bad news."


And when we sin,
we're called "sinners."**
And that's all of us.
Now I have to tell you
some bad news.

**"For all have sinned, and come short
of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23



Uh, oh! What's that?

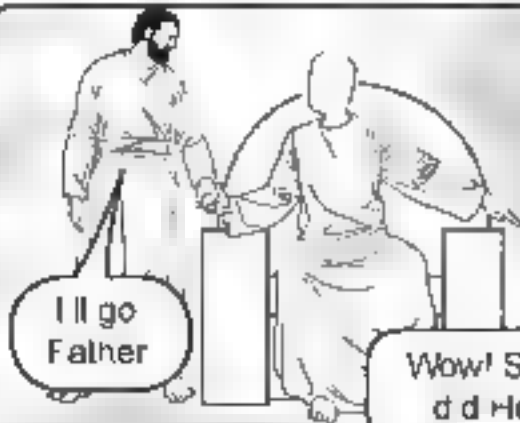
God won't let sin or sinners into heaven.



Aww... so we're stuck, then.

Not exactly.
Listen...

God has a Son named Jesus Christ. He volunteered to do what He could to get us to heaven.



Wow! So what did He do?



"I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30

He came to earth and became
a baby just like us!



"He was in the world, and the
world was made by him, and the
world knew him not. John 1:10

Then He grew up just like us



Only He was still God, right?

Right Jesus Christ lived a perfect life because He never sinned

Not even once?

No!

And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins and in him is no sin 1 John 3:5

And He told us that we sinners could be forgiven if we did one thing



Oh? What was that?
What do we have to do?

We have to believe
what Jesus did for us.

What was
that?

God said the penalty for
sin was death so

For the wages of sin is death
Romans 6:23

He died in our place. Mean
men poured all their hatred on
Jesus, and lied and said He did
evil. But He didn't!



* Christ. Who did no sin,
neither was guile found in his
mouth. ~ Peter 2:22

From the first part of the book
I have selected some of the most
important parts of the book

John 3 16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life


After they had heard these things
they said unto him how can these things be
that thou shouldst say that thou shouldst give
eternal life to them that believe in thee

Jesus answered and said unto them
The hour is come that the Son of Man should be
lifted up that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish but have everlasting life
Forasmuch as the Son of Man is lifted up
so shall all men die: but whosoever believeth
in him shall not die but shall have everlasting
life. Forasmuch as I live, ye shall live also
If a man love his life he shall lose it: but
if he will lose his life for my sake he shall
save it. For whosoever will save his life
shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his
life for my sake and the gospel's shall save
it. For the Son of Man must be lifted up
as it is written of him and as it is written
of the Son of Man that he should die
and that he should rise again the third day
and ascend into heaven and sit on the
right hand of the Father and shall come
again with the clouds of heaven and shall
send his angels to gather together his
elect from all parts of the world

John 3 16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life


Then He came back *alive!*
He rose from the dead "



That's
wonderfull
But how did
He do that?

he rose again the third day according
to the scriptures **Corinthians 15:4**

Because
Jesus is **God!**



Now all you
have to do is
believe that
Jesus died for
you and was
raised for you
and ask Him
to forgive your
sins

" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved " Acts 16:31



And then what happens?

Then a whole bunch of things happen!

Like what?

First God forgives all our sins.*

All of them?

Every last one!

*See Ephesians 1:7

Then, God gives us the Holy Ghost who is also God to guide and comfort us until we go to be with God when we die

Wow

the Father shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you for ever John 14:16

This makes us adopted children by Jesus
Father — God the Father Himself!



So God is our Father, too!
That's how I was adopted — twice

Wow! I wish
I could be
adopted too!

Well do you
want your sins
forgiven and
to become a
child of God?

Sure!

Cool! Then pray
something like this

Jesus, thank You for paying
for my sins. I believe that
You shed Your blood for me.

Please forgive my sins and
save me. Thank you. Amen.

Wow!

I can't wait to tell
my friends!



Guess what? I was adopted!

If you want to be adopted,



Just do what
it says over
there!

"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved ..." Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you
are a sinner? YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died
to pay for your sins? YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you
and come into your heart? YES NO

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

